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Re: Enclosed Declarations Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 and  
Petition and Fee for a Three-month Extension of Time  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/710,272  
Our Reference: FIS.082

Dear Examiner Tsai:

Enclosed are Declarations Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, and Petition and Fee for a Three-month Extension of Time which is responsive to the September 7, 2005 Office Action, and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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